

read on three several days in each House be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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### HARRIS COUNTY HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL NAVIGATION DISTRICT CREATED AND RATIFIED.

H. B. No. 131]

#### CHAPTER 97

AN ACT creating and establishing the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, under Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, for the purpose of the development of deep water navigation, the improvement of rivers, bays, creeks, streams, or canals within or adjacent to such District, with the power and authority to acquire, purchase, take over, construct, maintain, operate, develop, and regulate wharves, docks, warehouses, grain elevators, bunkering facilities, belt railroads, floating plants, lighterage, lands, towing facilities, and all other facilities or aids incident to or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within the District and extending to the Gulf of Mexico, provided in Chapter 9, R. S. 1925; describing said District by metes and bounds; ratifying and validating all orders, notices, elections and proceedings of the Commissioners' Court, Navigation Board and Navigation Commissioners and other officers of Harris County and of the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas; ratifying and validating the original petition for the establishment of said district and all subsequent orders, notices, hearings, etc., had thereon; and ratifying and validating all notices of elections, the elections, returns thereof and all orders with respect to the issuance of bonds, the levying of taxes to create sinking funds to retire all of the bonds of said District and to pay the interest thereon; ratifying and confirming the petition, election, and results thereof upon the adoption of the special powers for port facilities, conferred by Subdivision 2, Chapter 9, R. S. 1925, and all orders made pursuant thereto by the Navigation Board and the Commissioners' Court; ratifying, confirming, and validating the petition, order of election, notices, election, returns, canvass by the Court of the votes cast at said election, order authorizing the issuance of bonds, and the bonds in the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars, voted at an election held in said District on December 4, 1926; authorizing the Commissioners' Court and County officers to levy, assess, and collect taxes sufficient to pay interest on such bonds and the principal thereof as they mature; authorizing the Navigation Commissioners to sell said bonds, the Attorney General to register the same; constituting all orders of the Commissioners' Court and orders of the Navigation and Canal Commission, or certified copies thereof evidenced in the Courts, and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, in Harris County,

as hereinafter described by metes and bounds, is hereby created and established under authority of Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, for the purpose of the development of deep water navigation and the improvement of rivers, bays, creeks, streams, and canals within or adjacent to such District, and to construct and maintain canals or waterways to permit of navigation or in aid thereof and for the purpose of and authority to acquire, purchase, undertake, construct, maintain, operate, develop, and regulate wharves, docks, warehouses, grain elevators, bunkering facilities, belt railroads, floating plants, lighterage, lands, towing facilities, and all other facilities or aids incident to or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within said District and extending to the Gulf of Mexico, as provided in Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of 1925; and all orders of the Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas, and of the Navigation Commissioners, heretofore made in respect to the creation of such District and the authorization and issuance of the bonds of said District and particularly an issue of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars of bonds voted at an election under date of December 4, 1926, be and the same are hereby in all things ratified, confirmed, and validated. The said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, herenow created and established after consideration of the benefits to the property therein located, is described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:-

"Beginning at the entrance to Clear Creek into Galveston Bay; thence running up said creek with the line of Galveston and Brazoria Counties to a point on S. G. Haynie's survey 372 varas S. 62 degrees 32 minutes E. from its west line; thence N. 62 degrees 32 minutes W. 12 miles 318 varas to the head of Brays Bayou; thence N. 56 degrees 30 minutes W. 15 miles 1455½ varas to the old crossing of Buffalo Bayou; thence with the line of Waller County in a straight line to the head of creek; thence down the same with its meanders to the San Jacinto River; thence N. 50 degrees east to the western line of Liberty County; thence with said line to the head of Cedar Bayou; thence down said bayou to its mouth; thence following the boundary line of Harris County to the mouth of Clear Creek, the place of beginning."

SEC. 2. Notice of the intention to apply for the passage of this law has heretofore been given in direct conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State and evidence of such notices having been published has been exhibited in the Legislature before the passage of this bill.

SEC. 3. The petition, orders of the Commissioners' Court, notices of election, the election and orders declaring the result thereof and authorizing the issuance of the following bonds:

- (a) An issue of \$1,250,000.00, dated June 1, 1911, bearing 4½% interest, maturing equally each 10 years for forty years;
- (b) an issue of \$250,000.00, dated March 4, 1914, bearing 5%

interest, maturing forty years with an option to redeem same at any time after ten years; (c) an issue of \$1,500,000.00, dated August 1, 1919, bearing 5% interest and maturing serially in 30 years; (d) an issue of \$500,000.00, dated September 15, 1924 bearing 4½% interest and maturing serially in thirty years; are herenow in all respects confirmed, approved, ratified, and validated, and held to be the legal and binding obligations of said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District.

SEC. 4. The petition of the Navigation and Canal Commissioners of October 7, 1926, to the Commissioners' Court asking for an election for One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars of bonds; the order of the Commissioners' Court of October 11, 1926, ordering an election for said bonds for December 4, 1926; the notices of election, the publication and posting of such notices, the form of ballot, the election itself, the canvass by the Court of the votes cast at said election, and the order of the Commissioners' Court dated December 13, 1926, authorizing the issuance of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars of the bonds of said District, which bonds are dated February 1, 1927, due \$50,000.00 each year for thirty years, bearing interest at the rate of 5%, payable semi-annually, said bonds being in the denomination of \$1,000.00 each and setting out the form of said bonds, places of payment, rights of redemption and other details of said issue; the order providing for a tax on all of the taxable property in said District sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund for payment of said bonds at maturity; and all orders of the Commissioners' Court supplementary to and amendatory thereof, are in all respects ratified, confirmed, approved and validated.

SEC. 5. The amount of bonds fixed in the order of said Court calling said election for the purposes set forth in said order is hereby found to be proper and necessary for the purposes set out therein and of benefit to all of the property and tax payers in said District, and is hereby approved and authorized, and the said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to issue and sell said bonds and use the proceeds of said bonds for the purposes set forth in the order of said Court calling said election, and said bonds as and when issued and sold at any time or from time to time shall be and are hereby declared to be the legal, valid, and binding obligations of said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas. The Commissioners' Court of Harris County, on behalf of said District, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to levy upon and against all of the taxable property in said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, liable therefor, in the manner and at the time provided for by the General Laws, suffi-

cient taxes to pay the interest on said bonds and provide sinking funds for the payment of said bonds at maturity.

SEC. 6. The Attorney General of the State of Texas, an presentation to him for approval of any or all of said bonds duly executed as provided by law, in the form set forth in the order referred to, is authorized to approve and certify the same as valid and binding obligations of the said Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas.

SEC. 7. Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, is authorized and empowered to issue in direct conformity with the Constitution and the laws of this State as and when necessary such bonds as may be voted from time to time by the requisite two-thirds majority of the resident property tax paying voters voting at any election when called and conducted in direct conformity with the Constitution and laws of Texas and to issue and sell the same subject to such provisions of the Constitution and laws of this State as may be in effect at the time, and subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

SEC. 8. The public importance of the purposes herein contemplated creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring a suspension of the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read upon three several days in each House and the said Rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

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#### AMENDING BRAZOS COUNTY ROAD LAW, AUTHORIZING ROAD REFUNDING BONDS.

H. B. No. 143]

CHAPTER 98

AN ACT amending Chapter 42, Local and Special Laws, Regular Session of the 37th Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled "An Act to create a more efficient and better Road System for Brazos County, Texas, etc.," to permit the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 12 of Chapter 42, Local and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the 37th Legislature, entitled "An Act to create a more efficient and better Road System for Brazos County, Texas, etc.," be and the same is hereby amended by adding Section 12a thereto as a part thereof so as to read hereafter as follows: